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## **VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR ROSE BUSH CARE AT SAHUARO RANCH PARK**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — With more than 450 rose bushes at Sahuaro Ranch Park's rose garden, the care and maintenance of the garden uses the help of the Rose Society of Glendale and the Glendale Historical Society. These two groups are looking for volunteers to make sure the garden continues to be a beautiful and award-winning location. The garden received the Outstanding Public Garden award in 2011 from the American Rose Society.

Volunteers will train in how to properly prune, "deadhead" or remove spent buds, select and plant new rose bushes, remove weeds and grass from the beds and learn rose care tricks. The Rose Society of Glendale provides the free training.

Volunteers can be businesses, families, community groups, churches or individuals who can commit a minimum of two hours a month to the rose garden. Children may also volunteer and receive training, but those under 16 years old will need to be accompanied by an adult.

For those who are unable to commit to volunteering, but would still like to donate to the rose garden, a monetary contribution would be greatly appreciated to purchase new roses, mulch, fertilizer and cover additional maintenance costs associated with the garden. Donations may be made to "City of Glendale" and sent to SRP Rose Garden, Parks Department, 6210 W. Myrtle Ave., Glendale AZ 85301.

The rose garden is a very popular setting for wedding ceremonies and a highly sought after location of professional photographers in the Valley. For more information on volunteering at the rose garden or in any of Glendale's parks, contact Paul King at 623-930-4203 or [pking@glendaleaz.com](mailto:pking@glendaleaz.com).

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